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Personnel Branch Chief, MEMORANDUM FOR. Branch Chief, Chief, Security Branch Chief, Communications Division Chief, Budget and Liaison Control

Subject: Assignment and Movement of MECA Personnel	
1. A recent personnel placement survey of communicators in the Middle East, made by	25X1
of this office, established the necessity for such personnel to undergo a tour of duty at MECA Headquarters, prior to reassignment to their ultimate posts of duty in that area. Such initial assignment at is essential for the purpose of training and to afford the Chief, MECA, an opportunity to observe both employees and dependents, under adverse field conditions, prior to their ultimate assignment.	<b>25</b> X1
2. Therefore, it is directed that all MECA personnel be initially assigned to PCS. Within 60 days, the Chief of MECA shall recommend a permanent assignment and the appropriate transfer action should then be effected. The Chief, MECA, will be authorized to effect spot transfers in the field as circumstances warrant, and the official transfer actions should be retroactive to the actual date of travel.	
3. Since the duration of the initial assignment to is	25X1
undeterminable and is deemed to be in the best interests of the dovern-	0-14
dependents to the initial post of duty, is approved.	25X1
4. During the initial tour at employees in the above category should receive all normal allowances and other benefits of an employee permanently assigned to that station.	25X1
5. However, in the interests of the Government, it is desired that the shipment of household effects not be accomplished until the post of permanent duty has been established. Storage of effects at Government expense pending such determination is approved in accordance with appropriate regulations.	

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